1.   (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a presentation, comprising:

connecting a plurality of geographically dispersed contributors to a controller through a network to concurrently collaborate to prepare the presentation;

allowing the contributors to propose contributions to the presentation, the proposed contributions residing on storage devices under the control of the contributors;

making the proposed contributions available for viewing and comment by the contributors;

allowing the controller to select one or more of the proposed contributions; and

providing the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve the selected contributions for inclusion into the presentation.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing access to the storage devices further comprises:

transferring a selected contribution through the network to the controller for inclusion in the presentation.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein transferring a selected contribution comprises:

transferring a selected contribution from a contributor to the controller through the network for inclusion in the presentation.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein transferring a selected contribution comprises:

transferring a selected contribution through the network from a storage device to the controller for inclusion in the presentation.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 4, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 2, wherein connecting the contributors to the controller further comprises:
    connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for preparing the presentation.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 6, wherein connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller comprises:
    connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller to prepare a presentation script identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

8.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 7, wherein the script includes a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 8, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 2, wherein providing access to the storage devices comprises:
    providing a path for retrieving a contribution through the network from a storage device.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the network is selected from the group of networks comprising the Internet, intranets, and local area networks.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the contributions are selected from the group of contributions comprising graphics, text, video, and audio.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the contributors are persons communicating with the controller through terminals connected to the network.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the controller is a person communicating with the contributors through a terminal connected to the network.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the presentation is prepared on the controller terminal.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
    displaying the presentation.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein displaying the presentation comprises:
    retrieving a selected contribution from the respective storage device immediately prior to displaying the selected contribution.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein displaying the presentation further comprises:

    providing access through the network to view the presentation.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a presentation, comprising:

    connecting a plurality of geographically dispersed contributors to a controller through a network to concurrently collaborate to prepare the presentation;

    allowing the contributors to propose contributions to the presentation, the proposed contributions residing on storage devices under the control of the contributors;

    making the proposed contributions available for viewing and comment by all contributors;

    allowing the controller to select one or more of the proposed contributions;

    providing the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve the selected contributions for inclusion into the presentation; and
displaying the presentation.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein displaying the presentation comprises:

    retrieving a selected contribution from the respective storage device immediately prior to displaying the selected contribution.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein displaying the presentation further comprises:

    providing access through the network to view the presentation.

23.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein providing access to the storage devices further comprises:

transferring a selected contribution through the network to the controller for inclusion in the presentation.

24.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 23, wherein transferring a selected contribution comprises:

transferring a selected contribution from a contributor to the controller through the network for inclusion in the presentation.

25.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein transferring a selected contribution comprises:

transferring a selected contribution through the network from a storage device to the controller for inclusion in the presentation.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 25, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein connecting the contributors to the controller further comprises:

connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for preparing the presentation.

28.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller comprises:

connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller to prepare a presentation script

identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the script includes a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~40.~~31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein providing access to the storage devices comprises:
providing a path for retrieving a contribution through the network from a storage device.

~~41.~~32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~31, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~42.~~33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~40~~31, wherein the network is selected from the group of networks comprising the Internet, intranets, and local area networks.

~~43.~~34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the contributions are selected from the group of contributions comprising graphics, text, video, and audio.

44.35.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the contributors are persons communicating with the controller through terminals connected to the network.

45.36.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4435, wherein the controller is a person communicating with the contributors through a terminal connected to the network.

46.37.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4536, wherein the presentation is prepared on the controller terminal.

47.38.   (Currently Amended) A system for preparing a presentation, comprising:

    a controller terminal for connecting through a network to a plurality of geographically dispersed contributor terminals to allow contributors to concurrently collaborate to prepare the presentation, the terminal operable to allow the contributors to propose contributions to the presentation that reside on storage devices under the control of the contributors, the terminal further operable to make the proposed contributions available through the network for viewing and comment by contributors, to allow a controller to select one or more of the proposed contributions for inclusion into the presentation, and to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve the selected contributions for inclusion into the presentation; and

    a controller storage device connected to the controller terminal for storing the presentation and one or more of the selected contributions.

48.39.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4738, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network to the controller storage device for inclusion in the presentation.

~~49.~~40.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~48~~39, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a contributor to the controller storage device for inclusion in the presentation.

~~50.~~41.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~48~~39, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device to the controller storage device for inclusion in the presentation.

~~51.~~42.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~50~~41, wherein the controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution from a storage device comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~52.~~43.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~48~~39, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for preparing the presentation.

53.44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5243, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller to prepare a presentation script identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

54.45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5344, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to prepare a presentation script including a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device.

55.46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5445, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

56.47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4839, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to receive a network path from a contributor for retrieving a contribution through the network from a storage device under the control of the contributor.

57.48. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5647, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

58.49. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5647, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through a network selected from the group of networks comprising the Internet, intranets, and local area networks.

59.50. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4738, wherein the contributions are selected from the group of contributions comprising graphics, text, video, and audio.

60.51. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4738, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to prepare the presentation on the controller terminal.

61.52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4738, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to display the presentation.

62.53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6361, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to retrieve a selected contribution from the respective storage device immediately prior to displaying the selected contribution.

63.54. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6253, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide access through the network to view the presentation.

64.55.   (Currently Amended) A system for preparing a presentation, comprising:

a controller terminal for connecting through a network to a plurality of geographically dispersed contributor terminals to allow contributors to concurrently collaborate to prepare the presentation, the terminal operable to allow the contributors to propose contributions to the presentation that reside on storage devices under the control of the contributors, the terminal further operable to make the proposed contributions available through the network for viewing and comment by contributors, to allow a controller to select one or more of the proposed contributions for inclusion into the presentation, to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve the selected contributions for inclusion into the presentation, and to display the presentation; and

a controller storage device connected to the controller terminal for storing the presentation and one or more of the selected contributions.

65.56.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6455, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to retrieve a selected contribution from the respective storage device immediately prior to displaying the selected contribution.

66.57.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6556, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide access through the network to view the presentation.

67.58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6556, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network to the controller storage device for inclusion in the presentation.

68.59. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6758, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a contributor to the controller storage device for inclusion in the presentation.

69.60. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6758, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device to the controller storage device for inclusion in the presentation.

70.61. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6960, wherein the controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution from a storage device comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

71.62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6960, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for preparing the presentation.

~~72.~~63. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~71~~62, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller to prepare a presentation script identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

~~73.~~64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~72~~63, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to prepare a presentation script including a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device.

~~74.~~65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~73~~64, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~75.~~66. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~67~~58, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to receive a network path from a contributor for retrieving a contribution through the network from a storage device under the control of the contributor.

~~76.~~67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~75~~66, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through the network from a storage device selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~77.~~68.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~75~~66, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to transfer a selected contribution through a network selected from the group of networks comprising the Internet, intranets, and local area networks.

~~78.~~69.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~65~~56, wherein the contributions are selected from the group of contributions comprising graphics, text, video, and audio.

~~79.~~70.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~65~~56, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to prepare the presentation on the controller terminal.

~~80.~~71.   (Currently Amended)   A method for making a presentation, comprising:

connecting a plurality of geographically dispersed contributors to a controller through a network to concurrently make contributions to the presentation, the contributions residing on storage devices under the control of the contributors;

providing the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve the contributions for inclusion into the presentation;

transferring one or more contributions from the storage devices to the controller immediately prior to display; and

displaying the transferred contributions as part of the presentation.

81.72. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8071, wherein displaying the presentation further comprises:

providing access through the network to view the presentation.

82.73. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8071, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

83.74. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8071, wherein connecting the contributors to the controller further comprises:

connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for preparing the presentation.

84.75. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8374, wherein connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller comprises:

connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller to prepare a presentation script identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

85.76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8475, wherein the script includes a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device.

86.77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8576, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices

comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

87.78.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 8071, wherein providing access to the storage devices comprises:

      providing a path for retrieving a contribution through the network from a storage device.

88.79.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 8778, wherein the storage devices are selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

89.80.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 8879, wherein the network is selected from the group of networks comprising the Internet, intranets, and local area networks.

90.81.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 8071, wherein the contributions are selected from the group of contributions comprising graphics, text, video, and audio.

91.82.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 8071, wherein the contributors are persons communicating with the controller through terminals connected to the network.

92.83.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 9182, wherein the controller is a person communicating with the contributors through a terminal connected to the network.

93.84.   (Currently Amended)   A system for making a presentation, comprising:

a controller terminal for connecting through a network to a plurality of geographically dispersed contributor terminals to allow contributors to <u>concurrently</u> make contributions to the presentation that reside on storage devices under the control of the contributors, the terminal further operable to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve one or more contributions for inclusion into the presentation immediately prior to display and to display the retrieved contributions as part of the presentation; and

a controller storage device connected to the controller terminal for storing the presentation and one or more of the contributions.

~~94.~~85.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~93~~84, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide access through the network to view the presentation.

~~95.~~86.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~93~~84, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide access to storage devices selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~96.~~87.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~93~~84, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for preparing the presentation.

97. 88.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9687, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller to prepare a presentation script identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

98. 89.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9788, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to prepare a presentation script including a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device.

99. 90.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9889, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide access to storage devices selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

100. 91.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9384, wherein the controller terminal operable to provide access to storage devices comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide a path for retrieving a contribution through the network from a storage device.

101. 92.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10091, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to provide access to storage devices selected from the group of storage devices comprising hard

drives, optical drives, magnetic tape drives, and magneto-optical drives.

~~102.~~93.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~101~~92, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect through a network selected from the group of networks comprising the Internet, intranets, and local area networks.

~~103.~~94.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim ~~93~~84, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to retrieve and display contributions selected from the group of contributions comprising graphics, text, video, and audio.